

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-23, to read as follows:

A1 This invention is related to the following copending applications: US Ser. No. 09/343759, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Continuous Method of Providing Individual Sheets from a Continuous Web" (Attorney Docket, PPC-668); US Ser. No. 09/345088, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Tampon with Cover and Nonionic Surfactant" (Attorney Docket, PPC-708); US Ser. No. 09/345089, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Heterogeneous Apertured Film Wrapping Element for Absorbent Articles" (Attorney Docket, PPC-713); US Ser. No. 09/343760, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Domed Tampon with Surfactant-Treated Cover" (Attorney Docket, J&J-1810); US Ser. No. 60/141688, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Sealing Roller and Sealing Roller Element, Particularly for Producing a Tampon for Feminine Hygiene and Method Therefore" (Attorney Docket, J&J-1819); and US Ser. No. 60/141690, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Tampon for Feminine Hygiene and Process and Apparatus for its Production" (Attorney Docket, J&J-1820).

Please amend the paragraph at page 19, lines 3-22, to read as follows:

H2 The wrapping element of the present invention can be manufactured by standard processes known to those of ordinary skill in the art. For example, the base film that is to be apertured can be extruded through multiple extruders to form the three-layered co-extruded film. Additional extruder heads may be added to form additional

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layers in the laminated film. This technology is well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. The base film can then be apertured by any of the known processes. Several examples include hot air aperturing, and water jet aperturing. Examples of these process are disclosed in Curro, US Pat. No. 4,695,422; Turi, US Pat. No. 5,567,376; and Mullane, US Pat. No. 4,741,877. The resulting multilayered apertured film can be coated, for example as described in commonly assigned, co-pending application US Ser. No. 09/345088, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Tampon with Cover and Nonionic Surfactant" (Attorney Docket PPC-708), and/or slit to a desired width for use in manufacturing an absorbent

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, line 20, through page 21, line 14, to read as follows:

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One method of applying the apertured film ~~cover~~ material to an absorbent structure in the manufacture of a tampon is the use of a cut-and-place unit to cut the material from the slit roll and to place it on the absorbent structure. Another method is generally described in Friese, U.S. Patent No. 4,816,100, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference. While this describes the use of a nonwoven cover to a tampon, improvements necessary to achieve this are described in the commonly-assigned, copending application, US Ser. No. 09/343759, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Continuous Method of Providing Individual Sheets from a Continuous Web" (Attorney Docket PPC-668), the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference. This copending application discloses a method to achieve the total separation of a section of material comprises the following

A3 steps: severing a supply material in a plurality of discrete regions along a transverse axis, scoring the material residing between the severed regions along the same transverse axis, and then applying a force sufficient to fracture the scored regions, thereby separating the section of material from its supply.

Please amend the paragraphs at page 24, line 15, through page 25, line 23, to read as follows:

A4 ✓ The apertured film was coated with Polysorbate 20 (TWEEN 20, available from ICI, Atlas Chemical Division, of Wilmington, Delaware, USA, by applying a fine spray of a solution formed of 1 part TWEEN 20 dissolved in 2 parts (v/v) isopropyl alcohol, and it was slit to a width of about 47 mm. TWEEN 20 was applied to the film substrate at ambient temperature of about 20 °C with a target coating weight of about 1 wt-%. The coating weight is measured based upon the TWEEN 20 as the alcohol solvent volatilizes. This is described in greater detail in commonly assigned, co-pending application US Ser. No. 09/345088, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Tampon with Cover and Nonionic Surfactant" (Attorney Docket PPC-708).

The slit film was cut to form a cover having a length of about 125 mm. The cover is applied to an absorbent web comprising 75 wt-% rayon and 25 wt-% cotton having a length of about 235 mm, a width of about 50 mm and a target weight of about 2.7 g. The cover was heat sealed to one end of the absorbent web in a manner generally described in US Ser. No. 60/141688, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Sealing Roller and Sealing Roller Element, Particularly for Producing a Tampon for Feminine Hygiene and Method Therefore" (Attorney Docket, J&J-1819), and copending